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## HAPPY FALL!

This is perhaps my favorite season, just like it is for so many of you. Having lived in Texas for many years, where summer seemed to stretch on for six months, I vividly recall our first fall in Philadelphia. That refreshing break in the heat that arrives in late September or early October felt magical. Each year, I make an effort to slow down and fully appreciate the incredible changes in nature.

In this month's issue of *Springfield Neighbors*, we celebrate the Halloween season, spotlight Fire Prevention Week (October 6-12), and bring you the latest updates from our favorite local businesses. Scott's Fireplaces offers tips to prepare your fireplace for the crisp, cozy days ahead, while Joe Voci Jr. of JDV Electric shares expert advice on electrical fire prevention. Plus, don't miss our exclusive look inside Moonshine Philly, a craft brewery co-owned by Springfield native Richard Fattori and his business partner.

This month, we're featuring the Golden family. I first met Tom and Kristine during the COVID-19 pandemic, when all the neighborhood kids were navigating virtual school. We all had the same idea—taking advantage of the two-hour break in the day to head to the park and get the kids outside. Over time, they've become good friends, and I'm excited to share their story with

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I hope to see many of you out trick or treating on the 31st. Happy Halloween!

*Heather Schumacher*

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By Scott Magness,  
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As the colder months and winter season approach, it's essential to start preparing your gas fireplace. For many homeowners, it's all too easy to neglect their fireplaces until the weather turns frigid and the need for warmth becomes urgent. Although gas fireplaces offer a delightful ambiance and serve as excellent supplementary heat sources during power outages, they have a tendency to fail precisely when they are most needed, leaving you in an uncomfortable situation.

When issues arise, the typical response is to contact the service provider for your gas fireplace. Unfortunately, this often results in discovering a lengthy wait time for appointments, as most homeowners only think

about maintenance when their fireplace stops working. This problem frequently surfaces right in the middle of winter if the fireplace has not been adequately maintained, potentially leaving you without a reliable source of heat.

Preventive maintenance is crucial in avoiding such scenarios. To ensure you're not left in the cold with a malfunctioning fireplace, it's wise to schedule a cleaning and service appointment in the fall. A qualified technician will conduct a thorough cleaning of your gas fireplace, checking all components for wear and tear and ensuring that everything is functioning properly. They will also inspect and adjust the alignment of the logs and make any necessary repairs to optimize performance. The recommended

frequency for service can vary depending on factors such as the manufacturer, model and type of fireplace, so consulting your user manual or a professional for specific guidelines is advisable.

While the warm weather and sunny days come to a close, don't let your gas fireplace slip your mind entirely. Planning ahead by arranging a service appointment before the late fall and winter months will help you avoid the inconvenience of a malfunctioning fireplace and the stress of extended wait times for repairs. By taking these proactive steps, you can ensure that your fireplace will be in top condition, ready to provide comfort and warmth throughout the cold season, and you'll be able to enjoy your winter months without any added stress.

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# CALENDAR

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## Saturday, October 5

### Delco National Coming Out Day Celebration

From the organizers of DelCo Pride, UDTJ is planning a fun, age-inclusive celebration for National Coming Out Day and LGBTQ+ History Month!

For more details, including location, please visit [udtj.org](http://udtj.org).

Time: 1-5pm

## Sunday, October 6

### Springfield's 9th Annual Family Fun Day:

#### Springfield Rocks!

@Springfield Township Building  
11am-3pm

## Monday, October 7

### Seated Zumba

@Springfield Township Library

Join licensed ZIN Eileen Neuman for seated zumba! Low-impact seated dance moves that gently work your muscles and joints to improve flexibility and movement. All fitness levels welcome! To register, visit [springfieldtwplib.com/event](http://springfieldtwplib.com/event).

Time: 2-3:30pm

## Friday, October 11

### Cougar Casino Night

@Spring Valley, 400 W. Woodland Ave. Springfield The Springfield Area Educational Foundation is raising money to benefit Springfield athletics and band! For tickets and more information, please visit [saef.net](http://saef.net).

Time: 7-10pm

Cost: \$60/ticket

## Sunday, October 13

### 23rd Annual Run for Heroes

@Springfield Township Building

Time: Registration begins at 7:30am, race begins at 9am

## Tuesday, October 15

### Springfield Junior Women's Club Open House

@Springfield Township Building

Come out to our open house to learn more about Springfield JWC and how we support our community –and bring a friend! If you are interested but unable to attend, contact Director of Membership Colleen Fasy at [colleenfasy@gmail.com](mailto:colleenfasy@gmail.com) for membership information.

Time: 7pm

## Friday, October 18

### Domestic Abuse Project's Second Annual Halloween Party

@Media's Towne House restaurant

Save the Date and plan to join us for DAP's 2nd

annual Halloween Party. Hosted during domestic violence awareness month, this event brings awareness to the work we do every day to serve survivors of domestic abuse across Delaware County. Mark your calendar today and start planning your costume. For more information, please visit [dapdc.org](http://dapdc.org).

Time: 6-9pm

## Saturday, October 19

### Spin-a-thon

@Springfield YMCA

For more information please visit [tinyurl.com/53jeesse](http://tinyurl.com/53jeesse).

Time: 6am-6pm

## Sunday, October 20

### Lansdowne Arts on the Avenue Festival

@30 N. Lansdowne Ave.

Designed to showcase Lansdowne's ongoing commitment to the arts, the Lansdowne Arts on the Avenue Festival annually features 50+ juried artists, performances, demonstrations, activities for the kids, food trucks and a beer garden.

Time: 12pm

## Tuesday, October 22

### Asset Protection and Planning: Safeguarding Your Home, Family, and Legacy

@Springfield Crossings, 463 W. Sproul Road Springfield Crossings Enhanced Senior Living is pleased to invite area residents to an informative estate planning presentation. Linda M. Anderson, founder and principal of Anderson Elder Law, will be sharing information to help individuals and families navigate legal, financial and medical issues related to elder law, estate planning, long-term care and special needs planning.

Time: 2pm

## Friday, October 25

### Swarthmore Public Library and Town Center Halloween Parade

@Thatcher Park in Swarthmore

Join Mr. Scott from the Swarthmore Public Library and Allison DeSalvo from The Creative Living Room for a parade through town, ending in the amphitheater with some special treats, stories, and songs!

Time: 4pm

## Friday, October 25

### Trunk Or Treat

@Ridley Area YMCA

Join us for a fun-filled, family event! Children

should come dressed in costume to enjoy trick or treating from a Halloween inspired themed car trunks in our back parking lot. It will be safe, fun and spook-tacular fun! For more information visit [tinyurl.com/3nnbdshh](http://tinyurl.com/3nnbdshh).

Time: 6-7:30pm

## Saturday, October 26

### Designer Bag Bingo/Drag Show

@Milmont Fire Co. 49, 714 Belmont Ave., Ridley M.E. Carpenter for Suicide Awareness brings you designer bag bingo and drag show. Proceeds go to support this Delaware County nonprofit. For more information, please visit [mecarpenter.org/events](http://mecarpenter.org/events).

Cost: \$35

Time: 5pm

## Monday, October 28

### Tales of Witches, Ghosts, and Hauntings

@Springfield Township Library

Join us as we welcome local author and psychic medium, Laurie Hull, to discover eerie legends of local hauntings, the dark history of witches, and the ghostly encounters that still haunt our town. There will be books available to purchase. This program will be in the Springfield Township Building. Registration is required.

Time: 6:30-8pm

## Thursday, October 31

### HALLOWEEN!

## Saturday, November 2

### 2024 Fostering Hope Gala

@Radnor Valley Country Club

Tickets and sponsorships are now available for the 3rd Annual Fostering Hope Gala! Please join us for dinner, live and silent auctions, dancing and more as we provide dignity to youth experiencing foster care.

Time: 6-10pm

## SAVE THE DATE:

### Friday, November 15

#### Annual Community YMCA Impact Celebration

@Drexelbrook Event Center

Proceeds benefit Hope for Hallie and Delco Helping Hands. Contact Danielle at [dmirigliano@cyedc.org](mailto:dmirigliano@cyedc.org) to learn more and for sponsorship opportunities.

# MOONSHINE CRAFTS COMFORT AND COMMUNITY IN SOUTH PHILLY

By Heather Schumacher

Moonshine, a Craft Beer Restaurant located in South Philly, has been serving the community with its distinctive comfort food and signature craft cocktails for almost 11 years. Known for its warm and inviting atmosphere, Moonshine has become a cherished spot for locals and visitors alike.

Almost three decades ago, Richard Fattori began his career in the bar business at the young age of 16. He started at Barnaby's in Havertown in the '90s, never imagining he would one day own a restaurant. "I always said, I never want to own a restaurant, but here we are," Richard reminisces. Now, as Moonshine approaches its 11th anniversary this November, it stands as a testament to his dedication, hard work, and passion for hospitality.

At Moonshine, the philosophy is simple yet profound: "Fresh Food, Friendly Spirits." Richard and his business partner didn't have a clear direction initially, but they knew they wanted to create a place where everyone felt welcome. "Whether it's someone who wants a glass of wine and to read a book, a family with young kids who wants to celebrate a victory, or a group stopping in before a concert, the atmosphere is everything," Richard emphasizes. The emphasis on atmosphere ensures that guests not only enjoy great food and drinks but also leave with a memorable experience. The "vibe" is what keeps people coming back, and it's something the staff strives to maintain every day.

Family is the biggest inspiration for Richard, especially his kids. "I stress to them all the time: be kind to everyone, especially those that might not be it back, because you never know what someone is going through," he shares. These values of kindness and understanding are paramount, and they are instilled in the staff and reflected in how they interact with customers. Richard loves hearing the stories of everyone who walks through the door, whether they're grieving a loss, relieving stress, or bonding as a family. This personal connection is what makes the job so fulfilling.

The Pennsport community holds a special place in Richard's heart, which he says reminds him of Springfield. Richard's business partner grew up in the neighborhood, and the community adopted Richard and his family, making them feel at home. "During Covid, the whole Pennsport community went out of their way to make sure they supported us, and all of our fellow small businesses in the area," Richard recalls. This sense of community is why Moonshine is committed to giving back, whether through gift cards for fundraisers or special events like "Mummer Monday" dine-and-donate.

At Moonshine, Richard affectionately refers to his staff as "the children I never wanted," highlighting the familial bond that exists within the team. Just like any family, there are disagreements, but at the end of the day, they are there for each other. To keep the work environment fun and engaging, Richard organizes activities like bowling, attending Phillies games, or friendly in-house competitions. "You have to lighten the mood and make things as fun as possible," he says. These activities help foster a sense of camaraderie among the staff.

Moonshine is not just a restaurant; it's a testament to the power of community, the importance of atmosphere, and the joy of sharing stories and experiences. Whether you're a regular or a first-time visitor, Moonshine welcomes you with open arms and a friendly spirit. "Life is a team sport," Richard says, "so enjoy the highs, and smooth out the lows with us!"





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# FIRE PREVENTION WEEK (OCTOBER 6-12): SAFETY TIPS AND A TRIBUTE TO THE HOLSTEIN FAMILY

By Heather Schumacher

As we observe Fire Prevention Week, it's crucial to remember the importance of fire safety in our homes and communities. This year, we're highlighting essential fire prevention tips and sharing the story of the Holstein family, who have dedicated their lives to protecting others through volunteer firefighting.

## FIRE SAFETY TIPS

**1. Install Smoke Alarms:** Smoke alarms are your first line of defense against fire. Install them on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area, and inside each bedroom. Test alarms monthly and replace batteries annually or when the alarm signals a low battery. Newer models with 10-year batteries should still be tested regularly. Remember, a disabled alarm won't protect you—never "borrow" a battery from a smoke alarm.

**2. Have an Escape Plan:** Preparation is key in a fire emergency. Develop a fire escape plan with your family and practice it regularly. Identify two exits from every room and choose a meeting place outside your home. Make sure everyone knows the plan and can execute it, even in the dark.

**3. Educate Your Children:** Matches and lighters can be deadly in the wrong hands. Store them out of children's reach, preferably in a locked cabinet. Teach children that these are tools for adults, not toys, and emphasize the importance of alerting an adult if they find them.

**4. Sleep with Bedroom Doors Closed:** Closing bedroom doors at night can slow the spread of fire, giving you more time to escape.

**5. Stop, Drop, and Roll:** If your clothes catch fire, don't run. Stop immediately, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands, and roll to extinguish the flames.

**6. Crawl Low Under Smoke:** Smoke and toxic gases rise during a fire. To avoid inhaling them, crawl low to the ground, keeping your head 12 to 24 inches above the floor as you move toward an exit.

## THE HOLSTEIN FAMILY: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

Donald Holstein's love for firefighting began in his childhood, following in the footsteps of his father and uncles at the Morton Fire Company. "I pretty much grew up in the firehouse," he recalls.

"All the crew were like uncles and big brothers—just family." At 14, Don joined as a junior firefighter, and his passion only grew from there. He emphasizes that his commitment is not just his own. "Without the support of my family I would not be able to do what I do. They are 100% behind this and also volunteer. My wife Kristy grew up in a firefighter household, so she gets it; not many people do."

Today, Don and his fellow volunteers face the challenge of dwindling numbers and the demanding training required for new recruits, which can exceed 200 hours. Despite the difficulties, he remains committed, motivated by the heartfelt thank-yous from the community. "The thank-yous keep me motivated," he says. "We're fortunate to receive them more often than not."

Daniel, Don's son, has been around the firehouse all his life. Inspired by his family's volunteerism, he joined the Morton Rutledge Fire Company at 16, after the passing of Dan Clement, a close family friend. "I knew I wanted to try it out," Daniel shares. He thrives on the camaraderie and the sense of purpose that comes with helping those in need. "The biggest challenge we face is being a 100% volunteer company," Daniel explains. "But seeing the smiles on kids' faces when they look at the fire engines keeps me going."

Tyler, the youngest member of the Holstein firefighting legacy, joined the firehouse in 2022 as a junior member. He recognizes firefighting as a family tradition on both sides of his family and cherishes the bonds formed in the firehouse, describing it as a "second home." The unpredictability of each call presents challenges, but Tyler remains motivated by the community's support and the opportunity to make a difference.

The Holstein family's dedication to volunteer firefighting is a testament to the strength of community spirit. Their commitment reminds us all of the importance of supporting our local fire departments, whether through volunteerism, donations, or simply expressing gratitude.



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# FIRE SAFETY MONTH: PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM ELECTRICAL FIRES



By Joe Voci, JDV Electric, LLC

October is Fire Safety Month, an important time to focus on protecting our homes and families from the devastating effects of fires. Among the many potential fire hazards, electrical fires are particularly dangerous yet often preventable. As an electrician and expert contributor, I want to share key insights on how to reduce the risk of electrical fires in your home.

## UNDERSTANDING ELECTRICAL FIRES

Electrical fires occur when wiring or electrical components overheat, ignite nearby materials, or create sparks that lead to a fire. These fires are especially hazardous because they often start in hidden areas, like behind walls, allowing them to spread before being detected. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), electrical fires account for a significant number of residential fires annually, making it essential for homeowners to understand the risks and take preventive measures.

## COMMON CAUSES OF ELECTRICAL FIRES

Several factors contribute to the risk of electrical fires:

- 1. Faulty Wiring:** Older homes may have outdated wiring that isn't equipped to handle modern electrical demands. Damaged or frayed wires can easily spark and ignite a fire.
- 2. Overloaded Circuits:** Plugging too many devices into a single outlet or power strip can overload the circuit, causing it to overheat and potentially start a fire.
- 3. Outdated Electrical Panels:** If your electrical panel is old or poorly maintained, it may not regulate the flow of electricity properly, increasing the risk of overheating and fires.
- 4. Improper Use of Extension Cords:** Extension cords are convenient but not designed for long-

term use. Overloading them can cause overheating and fires.

**5. Appliance Malfunctions:** Faulty or poorly maintained appliances, from kitchen devices to space heaters, can also be a source of electrical fires.

## PREVENTING ELECTRICAL FIRES

Preventing electrical fires begins with awareness and regular maintenance. Here's what every homeowner should do:

- **Schedule Regular Electrical Inspections:** Have a licensed electrician inspect your home's wiring and electrical components every year to identify potential hazards.
- **Upgrade Your Electrical Panel:** Consider upgrading to a newer panel if your home has an older one. Modern panels are better equipped to handle today's electrical loads.
- **Install AFCI Breakers:** Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCIs) are a powerful tool in preventing electrical fires. These breakers detect dangerous electrical arcs that traditional breakers might miss and automatically shut off the power to the affected circuit, preventing a potential fire.
- **Use Outlets and Power Strips Safely:** Avoid overloading outlets and power strips. If you frequently need more outlets, consider having additional ones installed.
- **Replace Damaged Wiring:** If you find any frayed or damaged wires, have them replaced immediately. Damaged wiring is a leading cause of electrical fires.
- **Use Extension Cords Wisely:** Only use extension cords temporarily and avoid placing them under rugs or furniture where they can be damaged.
- **Install Smoke Alarms:** Ensure smoke alarms are installed throughout your home, especially near bedrooms. Test them regularly and replace batteries annually.

## WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN ELECTRICAL FIRE

If an electrical fire occurs, here's what you should do:

- **Don't Use Water:** Water can conduct electricity, making the situation worse. Use a Class C fire extinguisher instead.
- **Turn Off Power:** If safe to do so, turn off the power to the affected area via the circuit breaker.
- **Evacuate and Call 911:** If the fire isn't contained quickly, evacuate your home and call emergency services.

## CONCLUSION

Fire Safety Month is a critical reminder to take steps in protecting our homes from fire hazards. Electrical fires are particularly dangerous but largely preventable with proper maintenance and precautions. Installing AFCI breakers is an effective way to reduce the risk of electrical fires, providing added safety for your home.

For more electrical safety tips or to schedule an inspection, reach out to a licensed electrician. Prevention is key, and now is the perfect time to ensure your home is protected.

As your local electrician expert, I hope this information empowers you to take proactive steps in safeguarding your home. Let's work together to keep our community safe from electrical fires.



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## The Golden Family: PHILLY'S LOVE LETTER TRAIN BRINGS COUPLE TO SPRINGFIELD

By Heather Schumacher | Photos by Maureen Brant Photography

Kristine and Tom Golden's story began on Freshman Move-In Day at Drexel University, where a mutual friend introduced them. They didn't start dating until years later, well into their careers. "We were in different phases of life back then," Kristine says. "But we stayed connected, and things eventually came together."

The couple's wedding was anything but typical—they got married on a moving Market-Frankford El train on February 13, 2011. "We wanted something representing our connection to Philadelphia," Tom explains. "The Mural Arts Program's Love Letters Train was the perfect setting." The unique ceremony, officiated by former Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, garnered attention from over 200 publications worldwide. (Kristine notes that you can still google "Couple gets married on a real love train in Philly" and get a glimpse at their wedding photos in the Associated Press!)

Tom originally chose to buy a house in Springfield for its strong school district along with the convenient highway and SEPTA access. Kristine, who had been living in Center City Philadelphia, joined him a few months later. "The transition was interesting," she says. "The crickets were louder than I expected after living in the city next to I-676."

Kristine holds a BS in Communication from Drexel and a Master's in Tourism and Hospitality

Management from Temple University. Her career in marketing took off early when she secured a full-time position at a Philadelphia-based investment firm while still an intern. She later founded Personal Marketing Solutions in 2011, focusing on event and marketing services for small businesses and individuals. Today, she's a regional marketing director for a national contract food service company. Kristine is also the 2024 Chapter President of Meeting Professionals International – Philadelphia Area Chapter, a leading hospitality industry association, and a committee member for the Temple Women's Network, an affinity group for Temple Alumnae.

Tom's professional path led him from a BS in Chemical Engineering to an MBA from Villanova University. He's now the lead chemical engineer at a local Delaware County-based chemical company. Outside of work, Tom is involved in the community as an Assistant Scout Master for BSA Troop 512 and is working toward his private pilot license. He has flown solo over both Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The Golden's children, Thomas, who is in 6th grade, and Bridget who is in 3rd grade, are involved in a range of activities that reflect the family's values of learning and engagement. Thomas, a musician who plays multiple instruments including the trumpet and piano, also practices Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu at The Vault Jiu-Jitsu, where he's a grey belt.



His involvement in BSA Troop 512 has already earned him the rank of Tenderfoot. "Thomas has not met a Rubik's Cube he can't solve," Kristine notes.

Bridget is an aspiring actress who takes classes at Next Generation Theatre and Media Theatre. "She's always drawing or thinking up stories," Kristine says. Bridget's creativity extends beyond the stage, often seen with a sketchpad in hand wherever she goes.

The family's two cats, Sir Winston Purrchill and The Squeaker, each bring their personality to the household. Winston, an orange tabby adopted in November 2020, is known for his

bold and food-motivated behavior. "He's the type of cat who will swipe a chicken nugget right off your plate," Kristine says. The Squeaker, a tortoiseshell cat rescued in May 2023, has a more reserved demeanor. "She's definitely bonded with Tom," Kristine explains. "Winston tries to make friends, but Squeaker's not interested." Despite their differences, both cats have found their place in the Golden household.

The Golden family are active participants in their Springfield Township community. The COVID pandemic brought the neighborhood closer, revealing that there were more than 20 children under 14 within a three-block radius. "Our kids suddenly had a network of friends nearby, and we got to know our neighbors better," Kristine says.

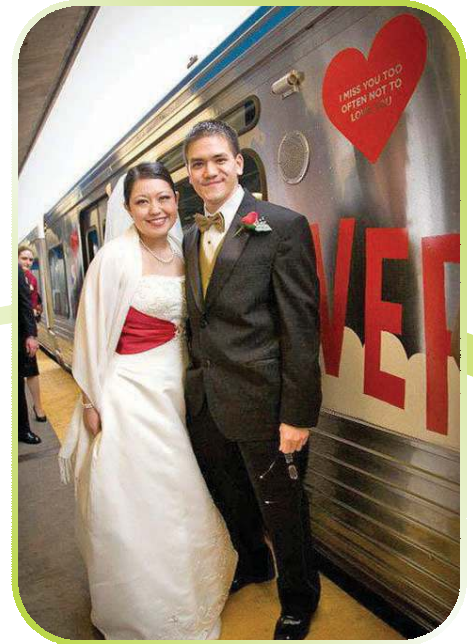
The family attends Trinity Church in Swarthmore, where the children participate in Sunday School and other activities. Recently, they won first place in the church's Chili Cookoff with a three-bean turkey chili. "It was a fun community event," Tom adds.

Cultural traditions are important to the Golden family, particularly their Chinese heritage on their maternal sides. They celebrate the Lunar New Year each winter and often attend parades in Philadelphia to see the dancing lions and live firecrackers.

Travel is another key part of the family's life. Their annual trips to Ocean City, Maryland, and Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, are highlights of the year. "Beach life gives us a chance to unwind," Tom says. The family also enjoys visiting New England, where Kristine's extended family lives, and exploring the diverse cultural offerings in Flushing, Queens.

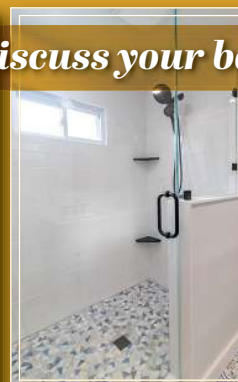
For the Golden family, Springfield Township provides a balance of community involvement, cultural traditions, and opportunities for both adventure and relaxation. They love being within walking distance of the Morton train station and they consider their neighborhood park, Wildwood Park, a hidden gem. Halloween is one of their favorite times of year in the neighborhood, with the family regularly pulling together family-themed costumes. "In 2016, I turned the back of our mini-van into a dragon mouth for trunk or treat, where we were all dressed up as green dinosaurs," Kristine recalls. The family has also dressed as Winnie the Pooh and Friends with Tom as Christopher Robin, and perhaps Kristine's favorite was the year they all dressed as cowboys.

Finally, Kristine and Tom love the local businesses and restaurants in the Morton/Springfield area and urge their neighbors to support them by stopping in for a meal or a sweet treat!



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# HALLOWEEN CRAFT IDEAS

By Heather Schumacher

Halloween isn't just about costumes and candy—it's also an opportunity to get crafty and bring some seasonal cheer to your home. Whether you're decorating for a party or just looking for fun activities to do indoors with the kids as the weather gets cooler, these Halloween craft ideas use items you may already have and are perfect for adding a personal touch to your celebrations.

## 1. PUMPKIN GARLAND

**Materials Needed:** Orange and green construction paper, scissors, glue or tape, string or twine

**Instructions:** Cut out pumpkin shapes from the orange paper and leaves from the green paper. Glue or tape the leaves onto the pumpkins. Once dry, use string or twine to attach the pumpkins in a line, creating a festive garland to hang across your mantel or walls.

## 2. GHOST LANTERNS

**Materials Needed:** White balloons, black markers, LED tealight candles, string or tape

**Instructions:** Inflate the white balloons and draw spooky faces on them with the black markers. Place an LED tealight candle underneath each balloon and secure them with string or tape. These ghost lanterns can be used to light up your front porch or create a hauntingly cool centerpiece.

## 3. MUMMY MASON JARS

**Materials Needed:** Empty mason jars, white gauze or cheesecloth, black felt or paper, glue

**Instructions:** Wrap the mason jars in white gauze or cheesecloth to give them a mummy look. Use black felt or paper to cut out small eyes and glue them onto the front of the jar. These can be used to hold treats or as eerie candle holders.

## 4. BAT SILHOUETTES

**Materials Needed:** Black construction paper, scissors, tape or glue

**Instructions:** Cut out bat shapes from the black construction paper. Tape or glue them to your windows or walls to create a spooky bat scene. For a fun twist, add glow-in-the-dark paint to make the bats visible at night.

## 5. WITCH'S HAT PLACE SETTINGS

**Materials Needed:** Black paper or cardstock, scissors, glue, small candy or treats

**Instructions:** Create mini witch hats by cutting out cone shapes from the black paper and assembling them with glue. Place a small treat or candy inside each hat and use them as place settings for your Halloween dinner.

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1545 Nicklaus Dr.	1,483	2	2	\$415,000	\$415,000	5
924 Stewart Ave.	1,344	4	3	\$360,000	\$390,000	6
417 Pinecrest Rd.	1,539	4	2	\$445,000	\$450,000	4
134 S. Norwinden Dr.	1,565	3	3	\$435,000	\$455,000	2
265 Pancoast Ave.	1,212	3	2	\$375,000	\$407,000	4
46 Congress Ave.	1,218	3	2	\$459,900	\$435,000	23
214 E. Leamy Ave.	1,216	3	1	\$289,900	\$325,000	5
306 Sunnybrook Rd.	1,350	3	1	\$439,000	\$453,500	9
1818 Spring Valley Dr.	2,345	3	3	\$699,000	\$699,000	7
473 Collins Dr.	1,843	3	2	\$599,900	\$650,000	6
69 Indian Rock Dr.	1,312	3	1	\$325,000	\$350,000	5
227 Colonial Park Dr.	1,994	4	3	\$530,000	\$540,000	7
574 W. Woodland Ave.	1,310	3	3	\$450,000	\$420,000	5
101 S. Rolling Rd.	2,180	4	3	\$645,000	\$635,000	29
654 Buttonwood Dr.	1,806	3	2	\$499,000	\$575,000	3
159 S. Norwinden Dr.	1,770	3	1	\$424,900	\$410,000	11
16 Duncan Ln.	2,332	4	3	\$550,000	\$519,000	34
22 Wayne Ave.	1,680	3	2	\$485,000	\$490,000	4
85 Duncan Ln.	1,576	3	3	\$539,900	\$530,000	24

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# SPRINGFIELD JWC READY TO KICK OFF NEW YEAR



By Nancy Brown

Get ready to kick off the new year with the Springfield Junior Woman's Club! Join us as we embark on a year of service, friendship, and personal growth. Our club offers opportunities to get involved in community projects and social events. Whether you're new to the area or looking to connect with likeminded women, the Springfield JWC is the perfect place to make a difference and build lasting relationships.

This year we have a new club president, Kim Padley. Our club president serves a 2-year term, and each president has their own passion and organization(s) they like to support during their term. One of the organizations Kim would like to support is the non-profit Philadoptionables.

Philadoptionables promotes local animals for adoption, foster and rescue. Helping pet owners with basic care for their pets so they

are not forced to surrender their pets. Along with supporting this non-profit, the JWC plans to continue to support our community with participating in the Springfield Rocks day, planning the Springfield Halloween parade, making Breast Cancer Pillows to donate to Riddle hospital, sorting toys for Toys for Tots, and recognizing Springfield High School Seniors plus much more!

Springfield JWC grew to almost 70 active members last year. We are actively looking to diversify our club to bring in women of different age groups, ethnicity, background, experiences and perspectives which can lead to better insights and decisions on fund raisers and supporting our community.

Join the Springfield Woman's Club and become a part of a vibrant community of women

dedicated to making a difference. Our club offers opportunities for personal growth, networking, and community service. Join us for JWC of Springfield Open House on Tuesday, October 15th at 7pm at the Springfield Township building. (50 Powell Road, Springfield PA 19064) and see how you can get involved and make a positive impact.

Contact our Director of Membership, Colleen Fasy at colleenfasy@gmail.com for more information and how to join. Follow us on our Facebook @ GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Springfield and on Instagram @springfieldJWC.

Let's come together and make a difference in our community with Springfield JWC. Psst! You don't have to be a Springfield resident to join!



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# FIRST TEAMS ALL DELCO:

## BASKETBALL AND LACROSSE

By Heather Schumacher

Each year, the Delco Times announces its All-Delco Teams across multiple sports. Over the next few months, we will highlight the individuals named to First Teams. This month, Springfield Neighbors congratulates the student-athletes recognized for Basketball and Lacrosse!



### BOYS' BASKETBALL, FIRST TEAM:

- Kevin McCarthy, Sr. G, Episcopal Academy
- Aasim Burton, Sr. G, Cardinal O'Hara
- Matt Gardler, Jr. G, Marple Newtown
- Kevin Rucker, Sr. G, Bonner & Prendergast
- Deuce Ketner, Sr. F, Bonner & Prendergast
- Jake Sniras, Jr. F, Garnet Valley

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL, FIRST TEAM:

- Brooke Wilson, Sr. G, Arch. Carroll
- Joanie Quinn, Sr. G, Card. O'Hara
- Molly Rullo, Jr. G/F, Card. O'Hara
- Haylie Adamski, Jr. G, Garnet Valley
- Rian Dotsey, Jr. F, Haverford
- Aniya Eberhart, Sr. G, Haverford

### GIRLS' LACROSSE:

- Maura Irish, Jr. A, Episcopal Academy
- Kate Stanton, Sr. M, Penncrest
- Quinn Whitaker, Jr. M, Episcopal Academy
- Taylor Murphy, Jr. M, Radnor
- Sarah Kelley, Sr. M, Radnor
- Chloe Bleckley, Sr. M, Archbishop Carroll
- Riley Davis, Fr. M, Notre Dame
- Sammy Wood, Jr. M, Garnet Valley
- Mairyn Dwyer, Jr. M, Agnes Irwin
- Caroline Chisholm, Jr. M, Agnes Irwin
- Sienna Golden, Sr. M, Archbishop Carroll

### BOYS' LACROSSE:

- Drew Goldt, Garnet Valley
- Owen Knight, Radnor
- Kessy Cox, Radnor
- Brian Box, Marple Newtown
- Nate Lucchesi, Radnor
- Connor Nolen, Haverford School
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